

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of Application.

a. *Claim Amendments.*

Claims 2-6, 9-14, and 23-29 are pending in this Application. The Examiner has rejected the amendment filed on July 1, 2009, and issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 on November 10, 2009 because Claims 9 and 11 depend upon a cancelled Claim. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 9 and 11 to depend from Claim 28, which Claim incorporates the limitations of former Claim 2. No new matter is incorporated into these Claims. In light of these amendments, the Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner to enter the amendments of July 1, 2009, and promptly issue a notice of allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit account 024300. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or the accompanying papers, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034. If an additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The additional extension fee also should be charged to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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